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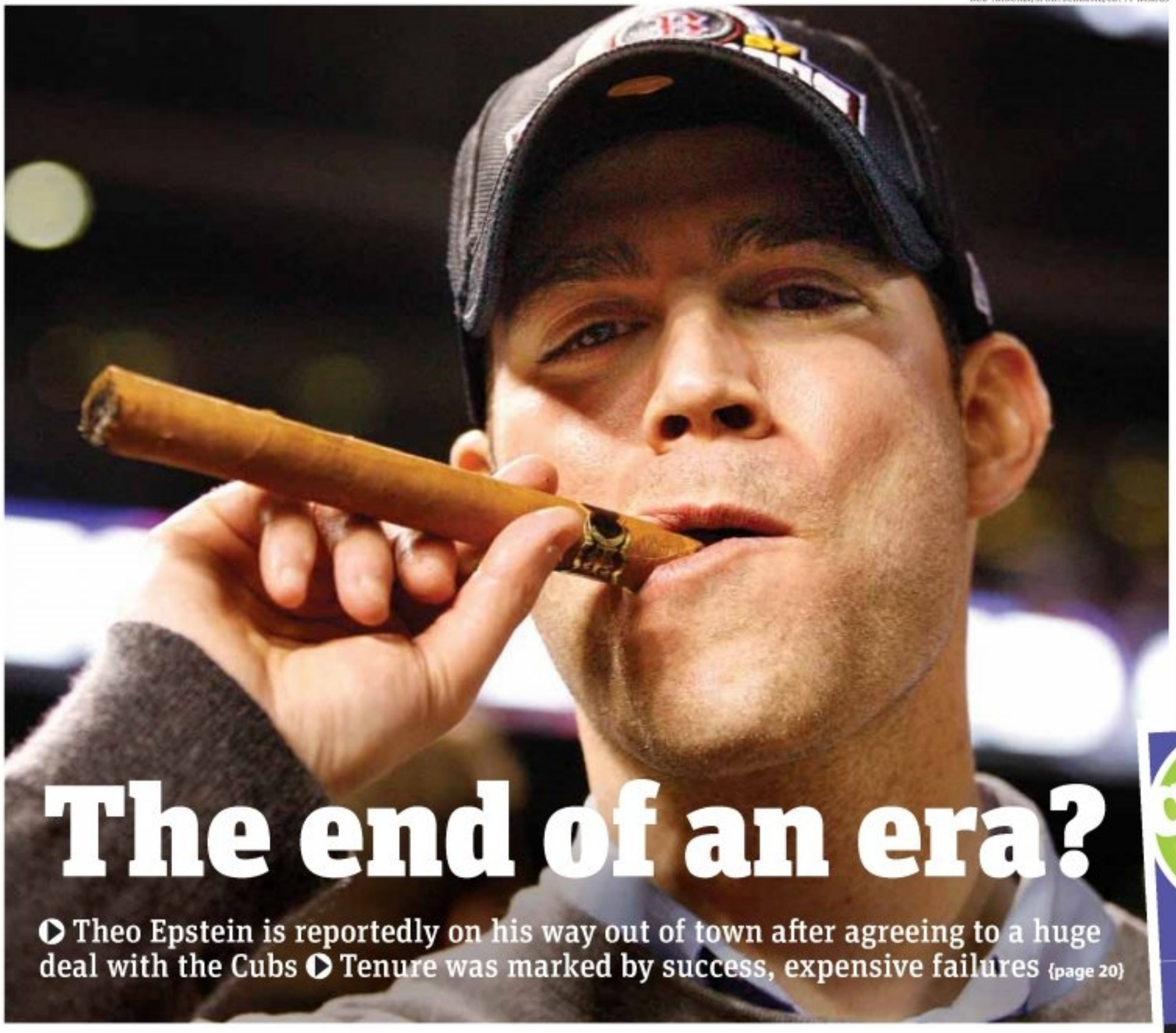

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Wanted: Bail for selling Web weed

Boston police arrested two men Tuesday after a months-long investigation of the sale of marijuana on social websites.

Undercover officers contacted Joel Gilliam, 23, of Newton, and made several buys of marijuana, police said.

On Tuesday, the officers met Gilliam at Milk and Batterymarch streets for another buy of a pound of pot. Gilliam was arrested after the transaction.

Police also arrested a driver at the scene, Mark Schuparra, 28, of Essex. Officers found marijuana in the trunk of the car.

After the arrest, Gilliam's home was searched and police recovered digital scales, a drug ledger and other drug paraphernalia.

Gilliam pleaded not guilty and was released on $500 bail. Schuparra posted $500 bail, but failed to show up for his arraignment.

▶ Cannabis plant

Police have made three similar arrests of drug sales online since April, resulting in the seizure of two guns, heroin, cocaine, prescription pills and cash.

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Soda fizzles from city buildings but bad food remains

● Menino follows through on soda ban but City Hall still serves up sugary snacks ● Experts say move to banish high calorie drinks is 'vague and misguided' ● Some City Hall employees angry over lack of soda

Less than a week after Mayor Thomas Menino's campaign to remove sugary drinks from Hub-owned buildings went into effect, there is hardly a regular soda in sight at City Hall.

But food experts say the demand to denounce high caloric drinks and still allow fatty foods to be sold in city cafeterias is "hypocritical."

"It's a little vague and misguided," said Kate Scarlata, a licensed dietitian with more than 20 years of experience in the nutrition field.

Scarlata said while she applauds the fact that the city is moving in the right, healthy direction, officials should consider what else is being offered up inside their buildings.

"Comparatively, [foods served] are in some ways worse," she said.

At one of the two cafes in City Hall, hungry workers can chow down on stacks of pancakes with butter, fake maple syrup and a side of bacon.

Other menu options include powdered donuts, cheese Danish pastries dipped in a honey-like glaze and a variety of fried foods.

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▶ These tasty but fattening treats were readily available at City Hall yesterday.

"You can't fool yourself into thinking by removing soda it's a healthier environment," said Scarlata.

According to a spokesperson from the Boston Public Health Commission, the mayor's executive order was limited to sugary drinks to focus on eliminating the consumption of empty calories.

The spokesperson had no comment about healthy grub options, but said there are currently no plans to extend Menino's order to food.

Menino issued the ban, which started Oct. 7, because of the link between sugary drinks and rising obesity rates and health care costs.

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▶ Lime Green Icicle

MFA visitors help buy sculpture

BOSTON. The Museum of Fine Arts added a new piece to its collection with funding from thousands of visitors.

More than $1 million was collected by visitors to pay for Dale Chihuly's 42-foot-tall Lime Green Icicle Tower, the museum announced yesterday.

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Man falls from TV tower

NEWTON. A man working on a communications tower in Newton fell 500 feet to his death yesterday.

The man was allegedly working when he plunged from the old WHDH-TV tower on Chestnut Street, according to reports.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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In the news

50%

Parents in Massachusetts who say their children have access to their prescription medications, according to a new survey conducted by the Partnership at Drugfree.org. The survey asked parents and teenagers "about their attitudes and actions" regarding access to and abuse of prescription drugs. SHNS

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▶ Toddler Gabriel Josh-Cazir Pierre died last month after being left unattended in this day care van for hours.

Recommendations follow last month's toddler van death

Transportation services for young children need to be improved with required parental notifications, passenger logs and vehicle monitoring devices, according to a special panel.

The recommendations by a specially formed transportation committee were made Tuesday to the state Board of Early Education and Care.

Board Chairman J.D. Chesloff created the panel after the death Gabriel Josh-Cazir Pierre, the Dorchester toddler who was left unattended in a van for hours last month and died.

The committee identified five areas that should be addressed by the agency. It recommended that regulations change to hold providers responsible while a child is transported to and from child care programs and that providers be familiar with transportation laws.

It also suggested that: Providers immediately notify parents when a child does not arrive at a facility within 30 minutes of the scheduled time; drivers or monitors carry passenger logs; transportation performance standards be developed; and vehicle monitoring devices or adult monitors be required on vans designed for six or more children.

The Cazir Pierre family's attorney, Ernst Guerrier, said the recommendations were "a good start," but that more was needed.

"I think what we need is a true enforcement arm for making sure those regulations are followed," he said. "We have laws in the books now that address some of these situations, but who is enforcing them?"

182
In a study of 182 early education facilities statewide, only one met all accessibility standards and none complied with all of the best practices. SHNS

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Tow rage leads to gun arrest

BOSTON. Police arrested two men after they allegedly pulled a gun on a South Boston tow lot owner after their friend's car was towed.

The attendant said a woman started screaming at him Tuesday night because she felt her car was wrongly towed. He said two men with the woman threatened him and one pulled a gun.

Edwin Mendez, 26, and Alvin Council, 23, both of Dorchester, were charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. METRO

Humanitarian honor for Davis

BOSTON. Police Commissioner Ed Davis received a humanitarian award last night from the The Hundred Club of Massachusetts at the organization's annual dinner.

The club is a charity that supports families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

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Report: Cambridge, Somerville best areas

Cambridge and Somerville were named as two of the 100 best communities in the country for young people in a survey released yesterday.

The survey by America's Promise Alliance and ING examined communities' efforts to reduce drop out rates and developmental resources and support for children and teens.

The report said Cambridge has consistently dedicated one-third of its budget to serving youth, while Somerville's summer job program helps teens reach their potential. METRO

Greenway fest hits red light

Occupy Boston's encampment in Dewey Square has kept the city from hosting a giant food festival this weekend, according to officials from the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy. The fest won't roll into town until spring now.

#OccupyBoston brings out spam

Expert says sex sites rely on popular Twitter topics to drive traffic Accounts mimic real life people

Occupy Boston has brought the "sex bots" to the Twitterverse since the protests have become a hot topic on the social media scene.

Masked with names like "AprilRitchie1," the Twitter accounts catch user attention with seductive profile pictures and comments about Occupy Boston.

When Twitter-users click on the female profiles, however, links embedded in their personal information drag them to sites like "HornyMatches.com."

According to social media expert David Gerzof Richard, spam robots like these on Twitter can easily mimic real conversations in an effort to lure people to swanky sites.

With the Occupy Boston "hashtag" getting so much traffic, he said, more companies use it as an opportunity to drive Web hits.

"It's like great white sharks off the coast of New England when there are a ton of seals. It doesn't make sense to spend your time swimming around as a hungry shark in an area with no seals."
DAVID GERZOF RICHARD, EMERSON COLLEGE PROFESSOR

Richard said wherever peoples' eyeballs are, that's where the spammers set up.

Richard said it's easy for companies to set up multiple, automatic accounts that send out similar messages.

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Campus hate crimes discussed

On-campus harassment and discrimination complaints are at an all-time high, a Department of Education lawyer said yesterday.

The complaints have increased as the Obama administration focuses more effort on addressing issues of harassment, William McCants, a senior attorney with the U.S. education department, said during a Suffolk University panel discussion on hate crimes on college campuses.

College officials said cases of alleged hate crimes have to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis because context is important.

McCants urged colleges to not let the First Amendment be a reason for doing nothing when hate speech is effecting the climate on a campus. METRO/MN

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Animal lovers huff and puff

PETA used a life-size inflatable elephant to protest against the arrival of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus yesterday outside of the TD Garden.

BlackBerry outages spreading

- Millions of customers affected
- Messaging, browsing, e-mail spotty

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A three-day disruption of BlackBerry services spread to North America yesterday, frustrating millions of users of the Research In Motion smartphones and putting more pressure on the company for sweeping changes.

RIM advised clients of an outage in the Americas and said it was working to restore services as customers in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and India continued to experience patchy e-mail delivery and no access to browsing and messaging. There were no reports of disruptions elsewhere in Asia.

The disruption, the worst since an outage swept North America two years ago, is likely to fuel calls for a management shake-up and a possible sale or split of the company, which has failed to keep pace with Apple and other rivals in a rapidly changing market.

"It's a blow upon a bruise. It comes at a bad time," said Richard Windsor, global technology specialist at Nomura.

"One possibility could be that it encourages client companies to look more at other options ... and save themselves the cost of buying everyone a BlackBerry."

REUTERS

News in brief

Underwear bomber pleads

DETROIT. A Nigerian accused of trying to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas Day 2009 with a bomb in his underwear pleaded guilty yesterday and said he wanted to avenge the killing of innocent Muslims by the United States.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 24, entered the guilty pleas a day after testimony began in his trial. REUTERS

Iran Quds fingered in plot

WASHINGTON. The White House said yesterday that senior members of Iran's Quds force participated in the alleged plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador in Washington, and that the United States would hold Tehran accountable.

"It's clear that senior levels of Quds force were engaged in the plotting," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters, saying that Washington would respond by intensifying efforts to isolate Iran. REUTERS

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analysis

One year later: Above ground, but below par?

- Today is the anniversary of Chilean miners' rescue
- Some of 'Los 33' battle poverty and unemployment

▶ Some of "Los 33" celebrate their freedom upon their rescue in San Jose.

Twelve months after being rescued from burial more than 2,296 feet deep, 33 Chilean men still receive recognition for their part in a sensational mining tragedy. However, many of them are facing worse situations than they were in before the accident — now either without a steady job or still on medical leave.

On the other hand, former employers Alejandro Bohn and Marcelo Kemeny, owners of San Esteban Mining Company, still walk freely in the country and have only faced an initial investigation.

$17M

31 miners sued Chile for $17 million, accusing it of negligence in working safety conditions.

"Los 33" have hired the Carey and Company law firm in an attempt to monetize their ordeal, establishing a company in order to protect their image and sell their story. They also signed a deal with the William Morris Endeavor agency for future movie and television projects. Well-known Hollywood producer Mike Medavoy will also make a movie of their story based on a book by Pulitzer winner Hector Tobar.

Deciding to seek justice, some sued the Chilean State, alleging negligence because of poor working conditions at the San Jose mine. Besides the lawsuit, 14 were given a $470-a-month pension from the government in answer to claims from the miners that they had suffered long-term disability or joblessness.

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Taken care of?

Controversy has emerged over the effectiveness of the miners' health care, particularly after the news that miner Edison Pena was going into rehab over his drug and alcohol addictions.

▶ Alberto Iturra, the rescue mission's chief psychologist, says his team couldn't help some situations occurring after the rescue. "A struggle began on getting exclusive interviews from the media, not allowing the miners to spend more time with their families," he explained.

▶ According to the specialist, "Only a few days after their return to the surface, there was an explosive excess of partying and drinking for them, losing all possible control. They didn't even have the time to rest in [the] hospital." MWN

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ashton Kutcher is making nice with Demi Moore, Lady Gaga is getting a warm welcome, Bill Maher has seen it all before, and Sarah Silverman wants some rhythm.

▶ **@aplusk:** @mrskutcher good luck tonight! you should be proud

▶ **@ladygaga:** Just landed in London! Judas playing on Radio 1 the minute I turn it on! Thank u!! Missed the UK.

▶ **@billmaher:** Is there anything stupider in the whole world than newspaper cartoons of recently dead famous people meeting god in heaven?

▶ **@SarahK Silverman:** I feel like there's not enough music in the streets lately

Lady Gaga

Leal finally gabs about Kutcher

Sara Leal, the 22-year-old San Diego woman who claims she was with **Ashton Kutcher** on the night of his sixth wedding anniversary, is breaking her silence (and by "breaking," I mean "the highest bidder finally won"). "He just came up and kissed me," Leal tells Us Weekly of her introduction to Kutcher. Leal claims the "Two and a Half Men" star told her he was separated from **Demi Moore**. She then details a late night cavorting naked in a hot tub with Kutcher and one other woman before the pair retired to Kutcher's bedroom in the early morning. "He lost his towel and I took my robe off," Leal says. "Then we had sex." And did they use a condom? Leal says no. Apparently, Kutcher's pillow talk got political, as Leal says he quizzed her on "up-and-coming candidates," she remembers. "I said **Rick Perry**. He asked if I'd vote for him. I said I didn't know and he laughed. He laughed at pretty much everything I said."

Ugh. No wonder Demi wants a divorce. Not only does he cheat on her and not use a condom (For shame, Ashton! For shame!), but the upcoming presidential election is his go-to subject for pillow talk. My eyes can't roll any harder.

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▶ Sara Leal strikes the "innocent victim" look on the new cover of Us Weekly.

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Hilary Swank parties in Chechnya

Don't **Seal**, **Hilary Swank** and **Jean Claude Van Damme** have enough money that they don't have to accept cash from a dictator? Apparently not. The stars were paid millions to attend a concert held on the 35th birthday of Chechnya's leader, **Ramzan Kadyrov**, who has been accused of rights abuses, including murder, per The Associated Press.

"Ramzan Kadyrov is linked to a grim record of abuse," says **Hugh Williamson** of the Human Rights Watch. "When stars get paid to turn up to party with (Kadyrov), it trivializes the suffering of countless victims of human rights abuses."

Swank wasn't forced to wear an Islamic head scarf, even though Kadyrov has forced his female citizens to do so. (He has also publicly approved honor killings of women). At the event, she said she liked the Chechen government's "passion to make peace."

And here I thought **Sara Leal** selling her **Ashton** sex story to Us Weekly was distasteful.

Talking points

Who is DiCaprio dating?

While **Leonardo DiCaprio** has been linked to 21-year-old Australian model **Alyce Crawford** since his split from **Blake Lively**, reports from Australia suggest he's actually spending time with more than one model. Australia's Daily Telegraph, which reported on DiCaprio and Crawford's rumored canoodling, also says the "Inception" star is seeing model **Kendal Schuler**, 20, while in the country to film "The Great Gatsby." The two had previously met in Los Angeles. But a source tells People magazine that the reports aren't to be trusted. "Leo is shooting 'Gatsby' and that's about it," the source says. "The gossips are on overdrive. They have linked him to half of Australia at this point."

▶ Jolie is seen visiting with children in Libya.

Jolie goes to Libya

Though she usually can't make a move without paparazzi knowing it, **Angelina Jolie** made a secret trip to Libya this week, reports Reuters. "I have come to Libya for a variety of reasons, to see a country in transition at every level," Jolie said in a statement. "I will be meeting with officials from all sides, but above all listening to the local people in the street. I am here to express solidarity with them." She visited the country under her role as an ambassador for the United Nations refugee agency.

Ozzy's to be a grandfather!

It's a big month for **Jack Osbourne**, as his fiancee, **Lisa Stelly**, is pregnant with their first child, he told **Piers Morgan** in an interview, meaning shock rocker **Ozzy** will soon be a grandfather. "I'm excited," Osbourne said. "I'm a little nervous." Osbourne and Stelly announced their engagement two weeks ago.

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A look at baby Xander and the BET Hip Hop Awards

1. New mom January Jones and her 1-month-old son, Xander, were seen Tuesday in Los Angeles.

2. Megan Fox attended a Make A Wish Foundation event at the Young Hollywood Studio Tuesday in Los Angeles.

3. Despite failing to win any awards, Young Jeezy and T.I. rocked the house at the 2011 BET Hip Hop Awards ceremony at in Atlanta on Tuesday.

4. Busta Rhymes won big at the BET Hip Hop Awards, bagging four major awards — including Best Video and Perfect Combo Award for his collaboration with Chris Brown and Lil Wayne on the megahit "Look At Me Now." Lil Wayne went on to win Best Live Performer and Lyricist of the Year.

5. Wiz Khalifa also attended the BET Hip Hop Awards, where he took home awards for Rookie of the Year and Track of the Year for "Black and Yellow."

6. And finally, DJ Khaled won the DJ of the Year award at the awards show.

7. Samuel L. Jackson sent his first tweets from his new Twitter account, @samuelljackson, while on the "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" show at Rockefeller Center on Tuesday.

8. Kara DioGuardi, now starring in the Broadway production of "Chicago," attended the reception of a benefit performance of the musical Tuesday.

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5 Reasons to go to the movies

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1 'Footloose' The 1980s classic gets an update. Yes, dancing is still banned in an entire town, but director Craig Brewer's take is much smarter than it looks.

2 'The Big Year' Jack Black, Steve Martin and Owen Wilson play three competitive birders who take on the challenge of seeing as many species of North American birds as they can in one year.

3 'The Thing' The thing with "The Thing" is that it's not exactly a remake, nor is it a sequel. "The Thing" is a prequel to the 1982 film starring Kurt Russel, which was a remake of "The Thing from Another World" from 1952.

4 'Real Steel' A movie about boxing robots? Why not? Hugh Jackman is in it!

5 'Ides of March' George Clooney directs and stars in this thriller about an ambitious political strategist played by Ryan Gosling.

Who's the new boss? That'd be Nard-Dog

After Steve Carell left 'The Office' last season, fans were dying to know who would replace him Here's why Ed Helms' character got the job

Andy Bernard always seemed like a loveable loser at Dunder Mifflin. Who knew that after four years of pushing paper on NBC's best-rated comedy, "The Office," Ed Helms and his character would rise to the top, replacing Steve Carell's Michael Scott as regional manager? Helms and one of the show's creators and stars, Paul Lieberstein (aka hapless HR manager Toby Flenderson) recently spoke about the transition.

Quoted

"He's really caring and interested and empathetic. Any problem that anyone is having, [Andy] would feel very deeply — which makes him suited to be a comic relief in the show."
LIEBERSTEIN

▶ Ed Helms stars as Andy Bernard, the new boss on "The Office," airing Thursdays at 9 p.m. on NBC.

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There were rumors that you'd bring in new talent. How did you arrive at the decision to promote from within?

Lieberstein: The natural question was, should we continue after Steve Carell leaves? The answer was clear when we said, "Our cast is amazing and we don't need anybody else." We still want to watch our cast.

Were members of the cast vying for that spot?

Helms: There was a lot of internal wondering and questioning what was next, "Who might be the next boss?" But I think it's a testament to the cast and the dignity of everyone involved that we all took a backseat to the creative considerations upstairs and were eager to support whatever decision came down.

What is it about Andy that made him the best person to be regional manager?

Lieberstein: He can take the role of father of the family, partly through insecurity and partly through genuine affection. He's really caring and interested and empathetic.

What are Andy's plans for managing Dwight Schrute (Rainn Wilson)?

Helms: Dwight is someone who responds very well to a firm hand of leadership. Andy is searching for that a little bit, but in that first episode we started to see the very first inkling of a backbone in Andy.

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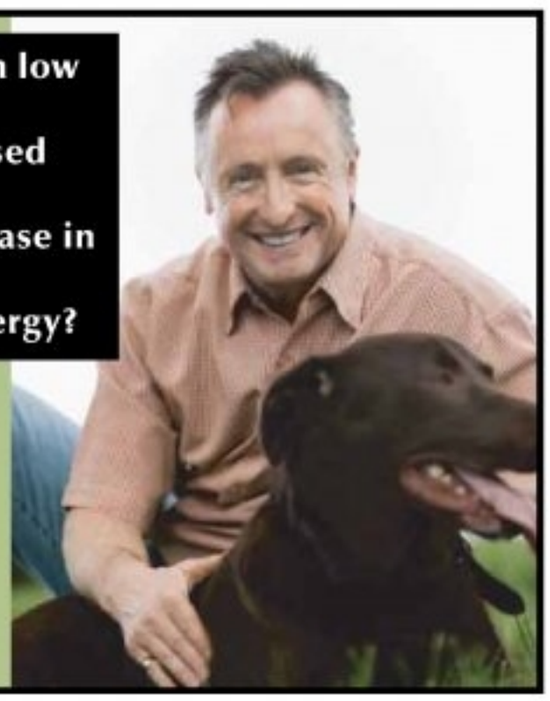

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Huntington combines high literature with dirty jokes and Leonard Bernstein's music for a hilarious 'Candide'

You don't have to be the type to guffaw at an old lady explaining how half her butt was gnawed off by a wild animal to enjoy "Candide," but it helps. A sense of humor, a devilish sense of irony and a love of scathing political commentary that's still relevant today will only add to your appreciation of the Huntington's blisteringly sardonic musical adaptation of Voltaire's 18th century satire. And there's also the extraordinary, glorious music of Leonard Bernstein.

It's hard not to think Mel Brooks when there's a gang of syphilitic vagrants center stage, a song that rhymes rancor with canker or a town person who proclaims, "What a perfect day for a hanging!" There's also a nod to priestly misdeeds and one of the funniest battle scenes you may ever see.

At the other end of the spectrum, there are plagues, gang rapes, stabbings and estrangements that test Candide's unwavering belief in his "all for the best" philosophy. And in the title role, Geoff Packard brings the perfect blend of charm and naivete. He keeps you wavering between pity, hope and disgust as he never gives up, no matter what life throws at him.

As his love interest, Lauren Molina also delivers a spectacularly flawless performance. Her stunning vocals are never better than when the high notes are seemingly forced by her tightening corset and a look in the mirror after a very long, hard slice of life.

Cheryl Stern practically steals this incredible show with her riotous turn as the aforementioned old lady.

But it's director/adapter Mary Zimmerman who deserves the most kudos for this theatrical magic.

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▶ Stern, left and Molina both give stunning performances in "Candide."

Plot summary

As Candide travels the world facing one crisis after another, living in perpetual hope of reuniting with his true love, Cunegonde, he's unaware the regal woman is on a dismal journey of her own. Part opera, part musical, part comedy, part tragedy, Candide's adventures may prove the ultimate test for an optimist.

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▶ Wilt Chamberlain sinks a basket in NBA 2K12.

Just because there's an NBA lockout doesn't mean you can't enjoy heart-dribbling basketball action. Just turn on your video game consoles and show the bigwigs a thing or two.

'NBA JAM: On Fire Edition'
Console: **360/PS3**
Company: **EA**
Grade: ●●●●◍
The NBA Jam series isn't a basketball sim. It's a crazy, and often absurd, dunking contest populated by bobble heads. Any game that allows you to play as Sarah Palin or the Beastie Boys surely isn't too concerned with realism. Still, there is plenty of great arcade fun to go around.

'NBA 2K12'
Console: **360/PS3**
Company: **2K Games**
Grade: ●●●●●
While "2K11" was great, "2K12" is the best basketball game ever. The attention to detail shines in the franchise mode, the many online challenges and, obviously, the gameplay itself. You'll be hard-pressed to play a better hoops sim in the near future.

Fashion month in review

Four cities, three weather systems, 308+ runway shows and countless glasses of Diet Coke later, the spring/summer '12 shows are finally over

▶ Gucci

Flaptastic

The '50s wasn't the only decade to make a comeback for spring. Ralph Lauren, Marc Jacobs, Etro and Gucci all served up fantastical flapper collections with one key element that is sure to trickle its way down to the H&Ms and Zaras of the world: the drop-waist dress.

Sweet and pretty

Just when you were beginning to get used to fall's kinky fetish wear, the fashion pendulum swung the opposite way for spring. Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Valentino and Givenchy are just a few houses that turned out feminine, ethereal dresses and lace frocks.

▶ Louis Vuitton

▶ Burberry Prorsum

Back to Africa

The use of African prints for spring collections is hardly new. But this season, the trend seemed to reach a tipping point with Burberry Prorsum, Donna Karan and Michael Kors — among a list of others, all showing prints that were inspired by the continent.

Sporty chic

Designers such as Alexander Wang, Stella McCartney and MaxMara showed athletic-inspired lines complete with perforated leather, high-performance knits and enough mesh to outfit an entire BMX team.

▶ Alexander Wang

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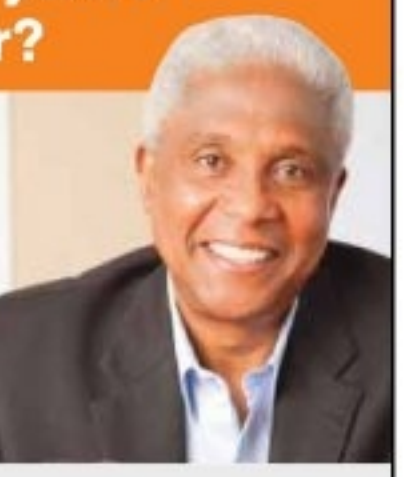

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Protests still dominating

RE: "PUSH BACK AGAINST PROTEST": You gotta love the level of discourse when people protesting a 1 in 10 unemployment rate are repeatedly told to stop being lazy and get a job. **AARON MINER, VIA E-MAIL**

When I consider the pointlessness of the "Occupy" demonstrations, I have to wonder what's really going on. In the novel "1984," the regime would secretly organize dissidents in order to entrap potential opponents. Has free speech become a tool? **WALTER ZIOBRO, JR., WATERTOWN**

The "1 percent" say they are just hard-working Americans, but how many laws did they break and lives did they ruin to get there? The rich think it's so great to be poor; I think everyone needs to spend a night on the street to see just how bad it is. The "1 percent" need a reality check. **ETHAN MUELLER, VIA E-MAIL**

For those of you complaining about the protesters, you make it clear that you have no idea how lucky you are. It's obvious that you have no concept of how difficult it is to get a decent job or to pay for an education. The protesters are contributing to our society by encouraging change within a system that is not working. **TARA WILLIAMS, VIA E-MAIL**

How ironic that Kanye West and Russell Simmons are both multimillionaires. Nancy Pelosi has raised several hundred million dollars from the same crowd. They are all part of the "1 percent" of America who Wall Street protesters claim are not paying their fair share. **LARRY PENNER, VIA E-MAIL**

Worse than giving tax breaks to corporations is the total waste of money given to Solydra and others by Obama. Giving this money to spur green technologies is fine, but there was no accountability. **JOHN ARSLANIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Dear 99 percent: I'm not sure why you fell for the liberal class-warfare misdirection. We'd be willing to leave and perhaps colonize a nearby planet. We would, unfortunately, have to take with us a few of our things: iPhones, iPads, iPods. When something "goes viral," it will have a new meaning — we will have taken modern medicine with us. Also be ready for empty cinemas, concert stadiums and sporting venues — the entertainers will be with us. Last, we will naturally be taking with us the roughly 40 percent of total income taxes that we pay. Sincerely, the "1 percent." **JESSE ALDOUS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Any new endeavor will have better-than-usual prospects for achieving success. You'll have to work for it, however.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Making some adjustments in a situation that could affect your material security is likely to pay off. You might get the first sign of movement almost immediately.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You shouldn't have any reluctance at this stage of the game to take on some new duties in a social organization with which you're affiliated. The extra work will be worth it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's to your benefit to motivate yourself to strive for more lofty goals than usual. Impressive targets will be the stimulating force that urges you onward during this achievement cycle.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Special knowledge and expertise you've acquired through much study and experience will be put to productive use. A multitude of avenues for expression will find you.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Something you'll be able to do best is to take outmoded systems and turn them into something new and useful. Your ingenuity will surprise you.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Some kind of partnership arrangement you're putting together is likely to grow in significance as time passes. Chances are it'll be with someone who has been lucky for you before.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** This is a good time to remind your superiors of your accomplishments, if an opening should present itself. However, organize your thoughts before offering them.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You should take advantage of any event that could draw you closer to someone that you've wanted to develop a better rapport with. Making friends can change your social life.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** A disruptive domestic matter that has caused you a great deal of displeasure is on its way out. Make sure meaningful changes for the better take its place.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You've always known that you can achieve everything you put your mind to. This present cycle you're in is more likely to motivate you to have the courage of your convictions.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Returns are apt to only trickle in on an endeavor that has yet to earn you any money. The early numbers might disturb you, but they will gradually grow as time passes. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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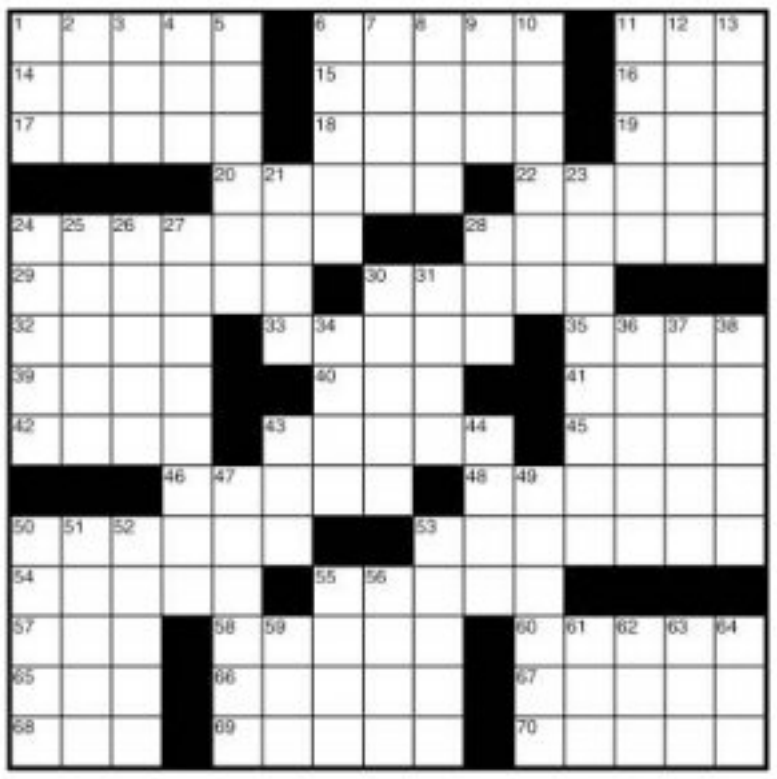

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Build the perfect cocktail

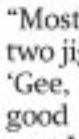
Master mixologist Nick Mautone shows us how to serve more than prosecco at our next party Plus, wow your guests with some savory herbs and fancy salt floats

When we first met Grey Goose's U.S. ambassador Nick Mautone at the brand's Blue Door series in the Hamptons, he was shaking up sunny, farm-to-table cocktails. But now that fall's here and we're about to hit cozy house-party season, we checked in with the master mixologist for tips on how to make a mean cocktail from the comfort of our kitchen.

Find your balance: "The first and most important tip is to make your cocktail balanced," says Mautone. "What I mean is if you use too much lemon juice and not enough simple syrup or agave, the drink is going to taste highly acidic and it won't feel refreshing — it'll bother your stomach. It's really about the right balance of alcoholic strength, acidity and sweetness." And although there's no exact ratio, Mautone imparted to us an old saying for a classic recipe: Two parts strong (that's alcohol) one part weak (which would be a cordial or something similar) one part sour (lemon or lime juice) and one part sweet (simple syrup or agave). "Try to follow the recipe as close as possible, and adjust according to your needs," he says.

You can't bruise the gin: "You can't shake or stir a drink too much," says Mautone. "Most people give it one or two jiggles and then they go 'Gee, this doesn't taste as good as the bar or restaurant I had it at.' You need an appropriate amount of dilution in a cocktail, the amount of water from melted ice really does make a difference. So stop being lazy — put a little muscle into it."

Use good ice: When throwing a big party, we all hit up the grocery store for bags of ice. But if you're having a smaller affair, impress your guest with perfect, shiny cubes. "Get a bunch of ice trays and fill them with hot tap water," instructs Mautone, "which will freeze slowly and therefore freeze very clear." And if you're feeling ambitious for your bigger events? "Pop your ice out of the ice tray, put them in a Ziploc bag and do multiple rounds."



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Trends

- **Savory herbs:** "One of my favorite trends is the use of savory herbs in cocktail making. It's something I've been doing for a long time, and I'm glad to see it take hold — whether it's the use of sage, rosemary, thyme," says Mautone.
- **Wood-aging cocktails:** "This is a minitrend we're working on. You take a cocktail like the Negroni and putting it into a small barrel and let it sit for a couple of days and then serve it at a party."

▶ Sip on Mautone's Wise Old Sage cocktail. For more cocktail mixing tips, visit www.metro.us.

Drink this!

Grey Goose Wise Old Sage

- **1½ parts** Grey Goose La Poire flavored vodka
- **1 part** agave nectar or simple syrup
- **½ part** Canton ginger liqueur
- **½ part** lime juice
- **4** fresh sage leaves
- **4** slices of cucumber

Directions: In the bottom of a cocktail shaker, place syrup, sage and cucumber. Muddle thoroughly. Add ice and the remaining ingredients. Shake vigorously until the outside of shaker is frosted and beaded with sweat. Double-strain into a glass and garnish with sage or cucumber.

Expert tip:

▶ Nick Mautone

Play up flavors
Margaritas aren't the only drinks deserving of salt. "Take a thin slice of cucumber and float it on top of your drink and sprinkle it with some smoked salt. Then it will gently infuse and flavor the drink without being overpowering."

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Erbaluce may be in the theater district, but take some time to savor the food before rushing off to the show

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Owner-chef Charles Draghi has re-created Italian cuisine as progressive and healthy as it is eco-conscious in the few years since he opened Erbaluce, named for a Northern Italian wine grape. The restaurant eschews dairy-rich cooking, mostly using vegetable oils and meat juices in savory dishes. And it employs vegetable and fruit purees rather than starchy roux-based sauces — something like Anton Mosimann's cuisine naturelle.

Meats are indeed natural, fish and produce local and everything else organic where possible. The menu, which changes each night, is clearly dictated by market produce: Peaches are paired with prosciutto as a first course and make a gorgeous dessert stuffed with mascarpone and marzipan, barely sweetened with honey and grilled. Peaches are also the base for gelato flavored with mint flowers.

Bitter greens are cooked al dente and accompany a juicy bavette steak and the nasello, a locally caught hake that's sweet and tender, and has a piquant sauce of pureed heirloom carrots.

The darkly colored iron-rich leaf is also mixed with a touch of ricotta to stuff pasta envelopes, which have a granular walnut pesto. Almond cream forms a base for a torte of wild blueberries flavored with juniper — a striking combination. It's feel-good food that feeds the senses rather than dulls them.

ERIN BALDASSARI/METRO
▶ It's service with a smile at Erbaluce.

Nosh On

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If you go

True to its theme, Erbaluce's wine list is all-Italian: A delicious earthy, crisp, but smooth Hofstatter Pinot Bianco from Italy's alpine Alto Adige runs $46. Entrees: $21-$29. Three courses: approximately $46.

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hot tickets

Mary Timony on the comedown after Helium and finding music again in what basically amounts to an indie rock supergroup

Waving the Wild Flag of freedom

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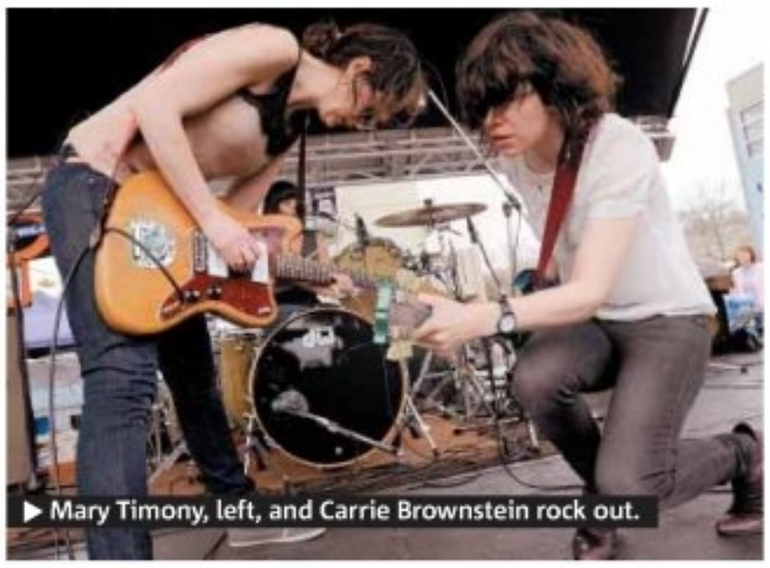
When Mary Timony speaks of playing with her bandmates in Wild Flag, she frequently uses the word "free." She talks about how not singing on every song frees her up to play more guitar, how she isn't bogged down with complicated guitar parts on the songs she does sing, and how halfway into recording Wild Flag's self-titled debut, she realized that a lot of what she was singing about was how much fun it is to play in a band.

"Basically, every song has lyrics about music, and maybe having lost music and coming back to it, or just needing music in your life," she says, "and also about just being a musician and claiming that as what you do with your life."

Timony readily acknowledges that this positivity was never really a theme for her before, in her former band Helium or with her solo material.

"The lyrics aren't depressing for once," she laughs. "For me, how lyrics get written, they describe how the music sounds."


▶ Mary Timony, left, and Carrie Brownstein rock out.

▶ Timony may be the coolest guitar teacher in the world!

Quoted

"I think I needed to just totally decide I was going to stop doing it to really start doing it and enjoying it. You realize what you love about it when you lose something."

MARY TIMONY ON HER YEAR OF NOT PLAYING IN A BAND

And the music that led to these lyrics is indeed far from depressing. Timony's guitar and voice interlock with those of Carrie Brownstein. Drummer Janet Weiss wails on the kit behind them, and keyboardist Rebecca Cole fills in the gaps with swells of organ. Arriving at this sense of musical positivity was no easy journey for Timony, though.

"I had been doing solo records for all of my 30s, and the last one I did, I felt super burnt out on it," she says. "I wasn't making any money off of it, which makes it hard to keep doing it because it becomes an expensive hobby."

Timony gave up playing her own music for a year, instead focusing on her 20 guitar students in Washington, D.C. But when the call came to play with Wild Flag, she says she knew it was right. She already respected these three women from their former bands — Brownstein and Weiss were in Sleater-Kinney and Cole played with the Minders.

"When they called me to play with them, I was really happy and excited," she says, "because I had this feeling that was just going to allow me to do music again."

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Dick Dale

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When Jimi Hendrix muttered "You'll never hear surf music again," about four minutes into his song, "Third stone from the Sun," he was referring to a rumor that Dick Dale, the master of surf guitar, was dead. It was a false rumor, and 45 years later, Dale is still very much alive, and still plays the six-string as well as you would expect of the only guitarist Hendrix mentioned by name in a song. Fun trivia fact: Dale actually does an amazing surf rendering of "Third stone from the Sun."

▶ Hey, Hendrix wasn't the first lefty to play a Strat.

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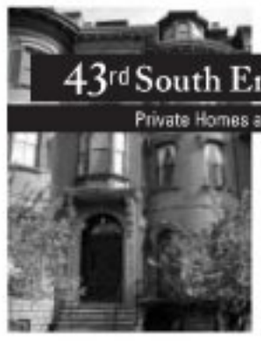
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Going out highlights

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▶ Nope, this ain't Disney! Emily Yetter stars as Tinker Bell in '"Peter Pan."

THEATER

'Peter Pan'
Oct. 18 through Dec. 30
City Hall Plaza
One City Hall Plaza, Boston
$50-$90, 888-772-6849
www.peterpantheshow.com
This flashy family show claims faithfulness to the J.M. Barrie novel, so don't expect it to be like either the Disney or the Broadway versions (or, for that matter, that movie "Hook"). Performed on a custom-built 360-degree stage with CGI backgrounds assisting stunning flying effects, it's unlike anything you're likely to see this year.

'Three Decembers'
Friday through Sunday
Boston University Theatre
264 Huntington Ave., Boston
$7, 617-933-8600
www.bostontheatrescene.com
This one-act opera, based on a Terrence McNally play, details the complicated relationship between boozy, has-been actress Madeline Mitchell and her two adult children over three Decembers between 1986 and 2006. Among her crimes against them: Lying about their father's death and refusing to accept her son's homosexuality.

ART

'Knitting Nation'
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Institute of Contemporary Art
100 Northern Ave., Boston
$10-$15, 617-478-3100
www.icaboston.org
Artists and fashion designer Liza Collins has created a performance piece out of the least likely pursuit, knitting. At this show, subtitled "Darkness Descends," five performers will be dramatically lit in the midst of darkness as they labor away on knitting machines to produce a site-specific, and presumably warm and cozy, installation. See tomorrow's Metro for Nora Dunne's story on it!

Literature

Lesley Bannatyne

Tonight, 7:30
Charlestown Branch Library
179 Main St., Charlestown
Free, 617-242-1248
www.iskullhalloween.com
This folklorist and freelance writer, one of America's foremost Halloween experts, reads from her new book "Halloween Nation: Behind the Scenes of America's Fright Night," which looks at the holiday from every possible angle, hopping from trick-or-treaters to occultists to writers to psychics to costume manufacturers in an exploration of the "fear as fun" Halloween spirit.

MUSIC

Crooked Still
Friday and Saturday
Somerville Theatre
55 Davis Square, Somerville
$28, 617-876-4275
www.worldmusic.org
This alternative bluegrass band met up as music students in Boston 10 years ago. They depart from bluegrass purism to create a unique sound that's easily accessible to people more familiar with indie pop and folk. In 2008, they had a song featured in the TV series "True Blood," because everyone knows vampires love bluegrass.

Sarah Chang
Sunday, 3 p.m.
Symphony Hall
301 Mass. Ave., Boston
$50-$70, 617-482-2595
www.celebrityseries.org
This violinist was a child prodigy, playing with the New York Philharmonic before she was 9 and recording a Billboard-charting album at 10. Now 30, she has beauty, passion, and skill in such extraordinary excess that it makes you wonder how life could possibly be fair — until you realize how lucky you are to get to see and hear all three.

COMEDY

Michael Ian Black
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
The Wilbur Theatre
246 Tremont St., Boston
$20-$25, 800-745-3000
www.thewilburtheatre.com
Like that paperclip in MS Word, this guy just keeps popping up. Some notable Ian Black appearances: MTV's short-lived "The State," Comedy Central's "Reno 911," VH1's "I Love the ..." series, the movie "Wet Hot American Summer," and the comedy trio Stella. His stand-up is a combination of chiaroscuro irony, straight-faced deadpan and little kid nonsense.

LITERATURE

The Art of "The Wire"
Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley St., Boston
$20, 617-252-3249
www.bostonbookfest.org
The creator of "The Wire," David Simon, prefers to think of his baby more as a "visual novel" than a TV show. Perhaps that's how the Boston Book Festival can justify opening its festivities with this panel discussion featuring "Wire" writer/producer George Pelecanos, several actors from the series, and a couple of people who inspired it, directly and indirectly. But this is only a single highlight of the BBF, which takes place this weekend. Visit their website to plan out your literary pursuits.

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nightlife

A guy walks into a bar

We ask celebrities what they look for in their nightlife experiences. This week, Johnathan Lee Iverson, ringmaster for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, talks about why you won't see the guy who leads The Greatest Show on Earth out on the town on Saturday night. But you may see him and his wife, Priscilla, at the theater on Monday!

METRO/PH

You have a pretty busy schedule. Do you ever get any nights off?

Mondays and Tuesdays are our days off, and that's when we're traveling. We're odd people.

So that cliche is true then, when somebody sees an odd person and says, "The circus must be in town!"

It's so funny, for normal folks, Friday is like, 'Wow, thank God it's Friday!' For us it's like, 'Damn, we have three shows Saturday.'

Do you get to go out in each city and experience it?

We'll go to an occasional movie. Fortunately, we have 300 babysitters ready to look after the kids. And my wife and I will go out to dinner and a movie or go out with some other couples, or maybe catch a musical or a play if it's in town. ... You try to take advantage of the sights of the city.

Iverson performs as the ringmaster in Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus at the TD Garden through Sunday.

Come here often?

SAM SWEENEY/METRO

▶ Viselli, left, and Smith do come to Cafeteria often.

Cafeteria

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Names: Cristina Viselli, 31, of Melrose, owner of Newbury salon Viselli-Santoro, and Nancy Smith, 31, of the North End
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CV: "Very often, after we get out of work."
Favorite food to order?
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CV: "The meatballs!"
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CV: "The fact that the owners are teaming up with us for our Oct. 22 breast cancer fundraiser at Viselli-Santoro salon."

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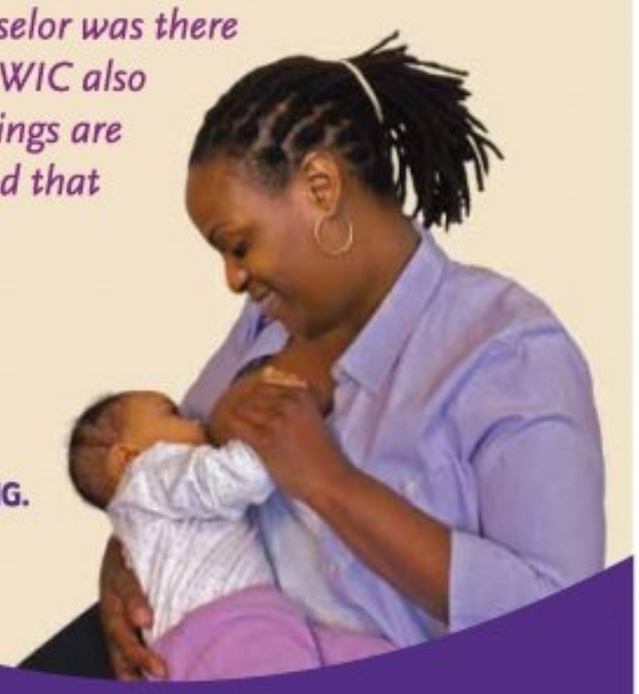

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Epstein following Francona out door

First it was the manager Now the Red Sox GM is reportedly on his way out Cubs paying him huge

That bridge to 2012 Theo Epstein used to talk about? It apparently leads to Wrigley Field.

The worst-kept secret in baseball emerged in almost official form yesterday, with reports indicating that Epstein had agreed to step down as general manager of the Red Sox to take over the presidency of the Cubs.

His five-year contract is worth between $15 million and $20 million.

Having exorcised the Curse of the Bambino by winning two World Series titles during his nine years in Boston, Epstein will apparently now take on the Billy Goat and a 103-year championship curse.

It's hard not to feel Epstein has left the Sox the way he found them when he became baseball's youngest-ever GM in 2002 at age 28. The Sox were still reeling from an ugly 2001 season that featured a cancerous clubhouse and a front office in disarray.

Epstein was part of the renewal under the John Henry crew, and the Ivy League- and Sabermetric-educated GM made a blizzard of big and little moves in 2003 and '04 that led to the first title in 86 years.

Epstein also oversaw a thorough revamping of the minor-league system, drafting future stars like Dustin Pedroia.

But there were missteps, too, usually in overpaying for free-agent "talent" like Edgar Renteria, J.D. Drew, John Lackey and Carl Crawford.

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Theo Lite

Ben Cherington is expected to replace Epstein once the split is made official.

- **The New Hampshire native** has been with the Red Sox since 1999. Like Epstein, he's young — just 37 years old.
- **He has experience, too.** Cherington has apparently been running the team for weeks now.

Good day, bad day

His best deal
Apart from two World Series titles, **David Ortiz** is Theo Epstein's legacy. Finding the slugger for just $1.2 million in 2003 was an unbelievable steal.

His worst deal
John Lackey had long had troubles at Fenway Park. Still Epstein saw fit in 2009 to give him $82.5 million — or about 8.25 million family buckets of KFC for clubhouse snacking.

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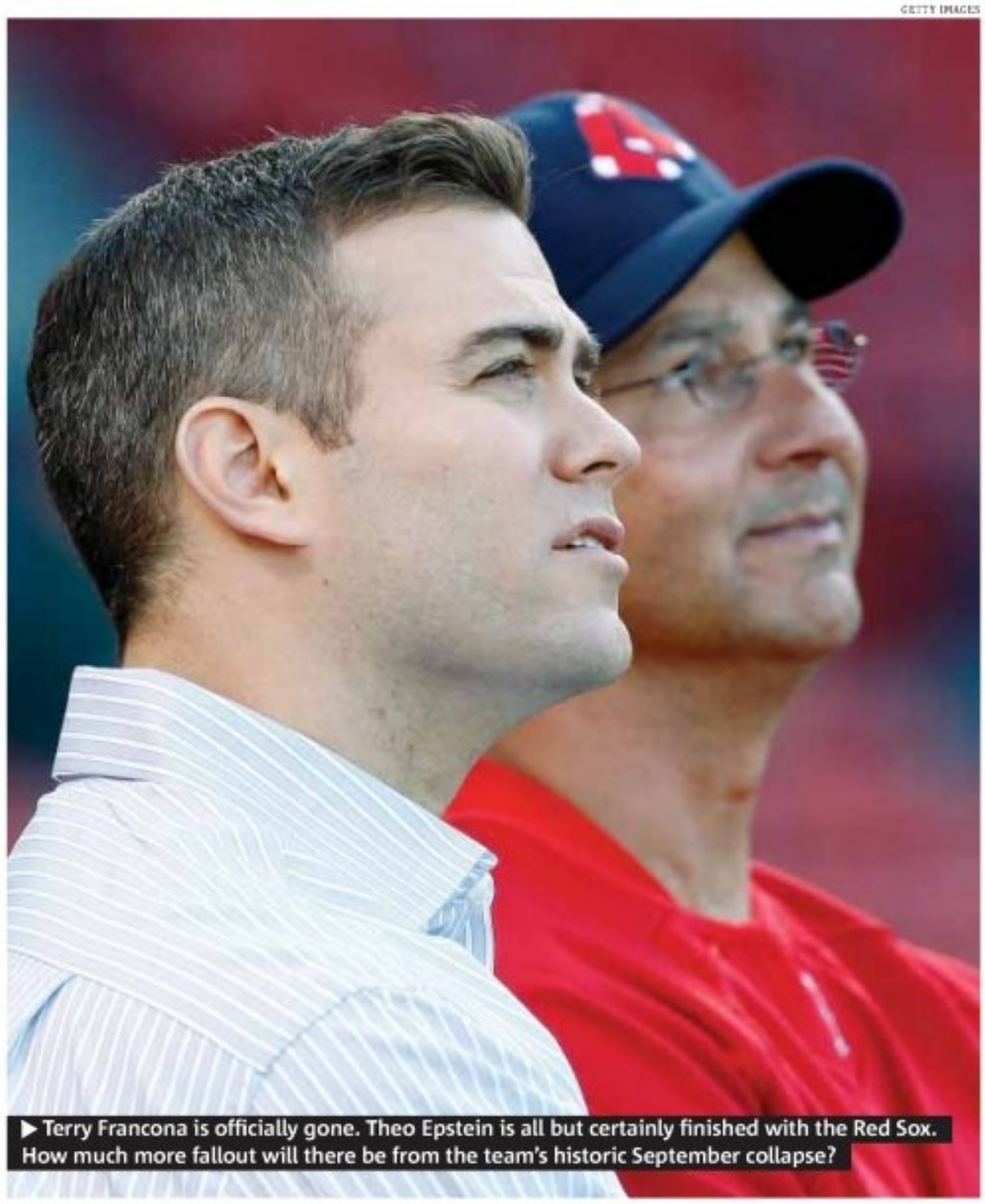

▶ Terry Francona is officially gone. Theo Epstein is all but certainly finished with the Red Sox. How much more fallout will there be from the team's historic September collapse?

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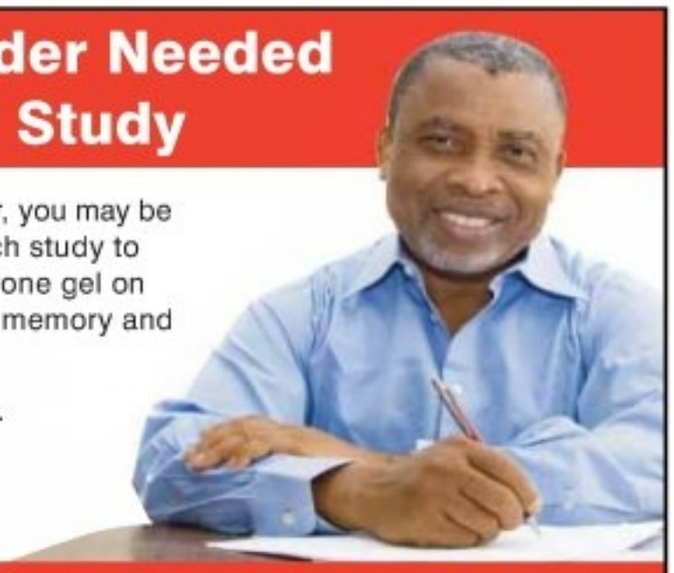

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New Patriots bring knowledge of Romo

Haynesworth, Carter saw him in NFC ◗ The LB calls Romo 'elusive' ◗ The DT calls himself a 'perfectionist'

Back at you

Tony Romo had high praise for both Andre Carter and Albert Haynesworth yesterday.

"They're both good players," Romo said. "Andre has a great motor, he's always fighting and he's going to go to the whistle. He gets off the ball well, he's a strong player. He can rush the quarterback good, but yet he always gets back. **"With Albert,** you know, he's a tough matchup. He's a good player that you have to account for. He's got a great history, I guess, winning [over] the years, and he's just a guy that we have to be ready for."

Good news, Patriots fans.

You haven't seen it yet, but Albert Haynesworth is a perfectionist.

Don't believe him?

"Even ask my mom," he said. "It doesn't matter, I've had games when I was with the Titans, when I've had three sacks, a couple tackles for losses and things like that. She's like, 'Oh, how'd you play? You played great.' And I was like, 'Yeah ... I played OK.'

"I want to be the best at what I do at all times. I never want to slack."

You may now chuckle.

Haynesworth's Titans days are long gone, and not even his mom expects those numbers again. But the defensive lineman does bring some experience against the Cowboys and Tony Romo.

Linebacker Andre Carter — Haynesworth's teammate in Washington — has even more. He played five seasons in the NFC East.

"[Romo] can be very dangerous," Carter said. "He's so elusive. And one thing about him, especially when he throws out of the pocket, he's just able to pinpoint, whether it's [Jason] Witten, the tight end, Dez Bryant, or core receivers, because as you know they're big — they're tall.

"They'll be able to do a few jump balls from what I've seen on film, and that can be very dangerous for anybody."

Just how elusive has Romo been? Carter racked up 34 sacks during his career with the Redskins, but not a single one of those came at the expense of Romo in eight games.

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▶ Tony Romo has thrown for 1,273 yards and seven TDs.

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Fighter Lauzon getting used to all the attention

Fresh off a win, UFC lightweight grateful Signing autographs for fans 'what we should be doing'

Joe Lauzon has come an awful long way since his days working a 9-to-5 as a network administrator in Cambridge.

Lauzon said he never minded that job, "boring" as it was. But just a few years later, things are surely a whole lot better.

Back then, nobody was recognizing him around town. But they definitely are now, with the Bridgewater native and Wentworth graduate a fast-rising lightweight in the UFC.

The recognition was odd at first, admitted Lauzon, who will be signing copies of the "UFC Encyclopedia" from 1 to 3 p.m. next Saturday at the Prudential Center Barnes and Noble.

But no more. He's more than happy to sign, pose and tweet away.

"It's because of the fans that we have jobs," Lauzon said. ADAM SMARTSCHAN

By any name

Lauzon has heard the online pressure to change his fight nickname, "J-Lau."

Lauzon said yesterday he thinks it's too late to make a switch, even though it's a "horrible" moniker.

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▶ Joe Lauzon scored one of the biggest wins of his career over the weekend, submitting Melvin Guillard.

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▶ Retired from playing, Julie Foudy (11) is making the rounds for Puma's Project Pink campaign, which donates the profits from the sale of some merchandise to breast cancer research.

Foudy: There's 'a bigger picture' for sports stars

Julie Foudy watched the U.S. soccer team's run through this year's Women's World Cup as closely as anyone.

And not just because she was commentating on the summertime tournament for ESPN.

Foudy was a key contributor for the legendary 1999 U.S. World Cup champions. This year's second-place finishers, she said, were worthy successors.

"As much as we can, we want them to know how proud we are," Foudy said.

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Foudy, a midfielder, scored 45 goals in 271 appearances for the USWNT.

That the 2011 team didn't walk away with the gold didn't bother Foudy. Sports, to her, are just a gateway to "the bigger picture," such as lending her celebrity to the Puma Project Pink breast cancer awareness campaign. METRO

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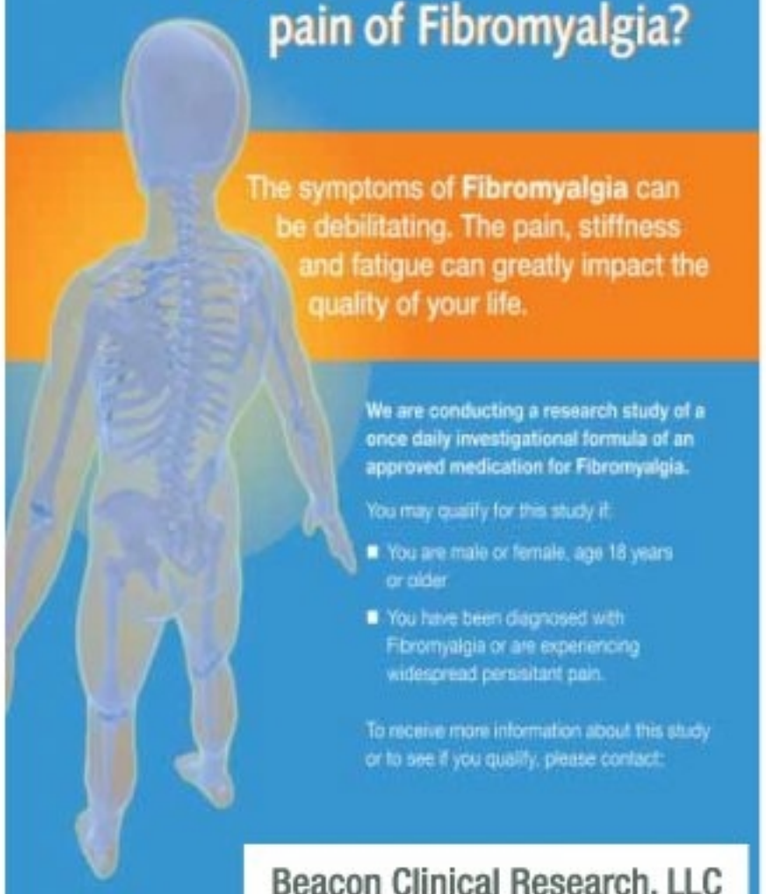

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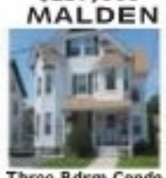

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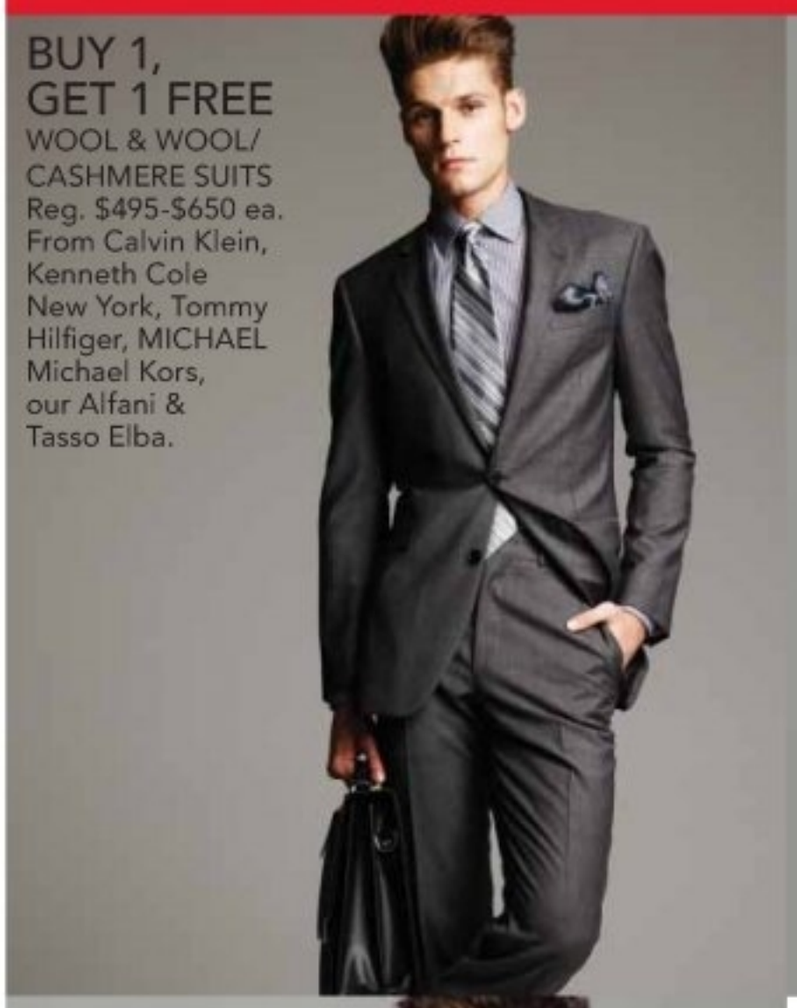

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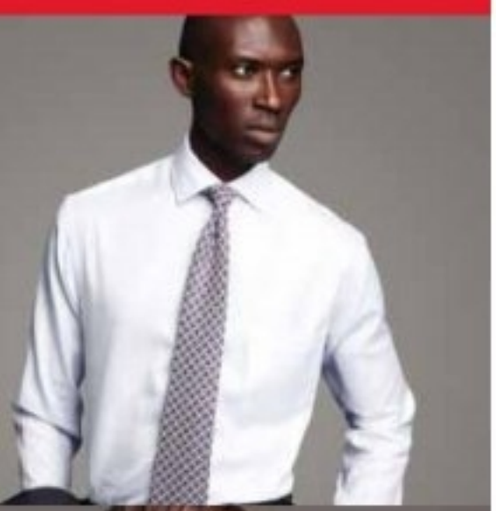

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